

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5769  
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TAGS: OGEN, OCON, TD, HA  
SUBJECT: CONSULAR CONFERENCE AT PORT OF SPAIN, SEPT. 6-9

REF: (A)STATE 165067, (B)PORT OF SPAIN 2133

1. DONALD B. WALLACE, CHIEF OF CONSULAR SECTION, OR ALTERNATELY HIS DEPUTY, CHARLES R. STEN, WILL ATTEND FOR PORT AU PRINCE BASED ON THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SUPERVISING THE CRITICAL VISA PROBLEMS PRESENT IN HAITI.

2. FOR PORT OF SPAIN: PLEASE RESERVE ROOM FOR TWO. IN SEPT. 3. OUT SEPT. 11.

3. POST WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FOLLOWING ISSUES ADDRESSED:  
A. OPERATION OF NIV REFERRAL SYSTEM. POST HAS NOT HAD A REFERRAL SYSTEM IN RECENT PAST AND MUST DESIGN ONE FROM SCRATCH. REFERRAL SYSTEM IN HAITI MUST OPERATE IN ENVIRONMENT OF HIGH REFUSAL RATES, HIGH FRAUD AND INTENSE PRESSURE FOR VISAS. FURTHERMORE, LOCAL PRACTICE AND BELIEF IS THAT AN INSIDE CONTACT IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN GOVERNMENT SERVICES.  
B. DEVELOPMENT OF PROFILE FOR NIV INELIGIBILITY UNDER 214(B). PAST ATTEMPT TO CONSTRUCT A PROFILE FOUNDERED BECAUSE CRITERIA STRICT ENOUGH TO ELIMINATE THOSE WHO HISTORICALLY REMAINED IN US WOULD SCREEN OUT ALMOST ALL APPLICANTS. COMBINATION OF VERY LOW PER CAPITA INCOME AND PROXIMITY TO US MAKE DEVELOPMENT OF HAITIAN  
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PROFILE PROBLEMATIC.  
C. PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEMS. HIGH VISA REFUSAL RATES AND LONG LINES MAKE THE CONSULAR SECTION UNPOPULAR AMONG THE LOCAL POPULACE. WHAT STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE OUR IMAGE AND OUR VISA SERVICES? HOW MUCH AND WHAT KINDS OF PUBLICITY ARE APPROPRIATE? WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF VISA QUEUES? ARE NUMBER OR APPOINTMENT SYSTEMS THE ANSWER TO LONG LINES?

D. POSSIBILITIES FOR HIRING TEMPORARY AMCIT CLERKS TO ASSIST IN CLEANING UP BACKLOGS, TO GIVE EXTRA CAPACITY DURING RUSH SEASONS, AND TO PROVIDE A DETERRENT TO MALFEASANCE. THE WORKLOAD AT POST FLUCTUATES SEASONALLY BY A FACTOR OF THREE. IV UNIT HAS A BACKLOG OF ONE YEAR.

E. APPEALS PROCEDURE. TO WHAT EXTENT DO AMERICAN CONCEPTS OF DUE PROCESS APPLY TO ALIENS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY? AFTER REFUSAL, HOW LONG SHOULD AN APPLICANT BE REQUIRED TO WAIT BEFORE HE IS ALLOWED TO REAPPLY? WHO DECIDES WHICH CASES CAN BE APPEALED TO HIGHER AUTHORITY? ON WHAT BASIS SHOULD NIV REFUSALS BE REINTERVIEWED BY SUPERVISING OFFICERS?

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